

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the aforementioned non-final Office Action. By this communication, claims 1-11 have been amended and claims 12-15 have been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 have been amended to improve idiomatic English and form, where applicable. No new matter has been added.

Claims 12-15 have been newly added. The subject matter recited in claims 12-15 can be found variously throughout the specification and claims, for example, in original claims 5-8, respectively. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-15 are pending where claim 1 is independent.

Allowed Claims and Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4 and 9-11 are allowed, and also for indicating that claims 5-8 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended claims 1-11 to address formal matters.

Claim Objections

Claims 5-8 were objected to for improper multiple dependency. As discussed above, claims 5-8 have been amended to address and remedy this deficiency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to these claims be withdrawn.

Newly Added Claims

Claims 12-15 have been newly added and depend from claim 4. The subject matter recited in claims 12-15 corresponds to subject matter recited in original claims 5-8. By virtue of this dependency, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12-15 are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 4 is allowable. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12-15 are further distinguished over the prior art by the additional elements recited therein, and particularly with respect to each claimed combination.

Conclusion

Based on at least the foregoing amendments and remarks, all objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, and Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-15 are allowable. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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